

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the issue regarding opening of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in each Block of Tribal Sub-Plan Areas (TSP) has been raised by the State Government of Orissa during the meeting held with Government of India. The Ministry has so far sanctioned 100 EMRSs in the country, out of which 10 are in Orissa. There is no proposal at present to increase the total number of EMRSs already sanctioned.

(c) and (d) The State Government of Orissa has reported that they had asked for sanction of additional classrooms under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and for other facilities to be extended to schools of the ST and SC Development Department. Extension of these facilities to the schools run by the ST & SC Dev. Deptt. have now been agreed to. As reported by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the annual Work Plan and Budget for the SSA 2007-08, for Orissa, has been approved by Government of India on 18.4.2007.

Land for rehabilitation of adivasis in Kerala

3012. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala has forwarded a request for financial assistance for taking up development work and also to purchase land for rehabilitating adivasis in Wayanad district of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount sought by the State; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) A proposal for financial assistance for taking up development work and also to purchase land for rehabilitating adivasis in Wayanad district of Kerala had been received in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

- (b) An amount of Rs. 630.00 crore was sought from the Government of India.
- (c) The matter was referred back to State Government of Kerala to revise the proposal in accordance with the funds allocated to the State. The Government of Kerala has not yet responded on the issue.